(c) and (d) The formulation considered harmful or irrational in the context of current medical knowledge are prohibited through a Gazette Notification throughout the country. If the formulation is considered harmful, its manufacture and sale is prohibited with immediate effect and if the drug is considered irrational, it is phased out in a time-bound manner. 72 categories of drug formulations considered irrational or harmful have since been prohibited in the country. This is a continuous process.

Utilisation of machines in Government Press, Nasik

*10. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government Press, Nasik failed to furnish the utilisation capacity of two Lino type machines Model No. 780 m/c No. 198443 and 198444 to the CAG investigating team;

(b) whether the said machines are lying idle since September, 1990; and

(c) if so, the manner in which the Directorate of Printing has justified the amount of Rs. 18.66 lakhs incurred on the purchase of these machines?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) In Govt. of India Presses assessed capacity is fixed and capacity utilisation checked only in respect of main printing machines. This is not done for auxiliary machines. Since the said machines are auxiliary machines, information about capacity utilisation could not be provided to the audit team. Production data has however, been provided to the audit on 7.8.2001. No further comments have so far been receive from the audit.

(b) No, Sir, these machines are not idling.

(c) In view of (b) above, the question does not arise.

Telecast of banned movies by TV channels

*11. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that movies which have been banned in India are freely telecast by foreign and Indian channels, as reported in the Statesman, dated the 13th August, 2002;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take action against such channels;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps proposed by Government to check telecast of such banned movies in future?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) Government's attention has been drawn to the report in the Statesman dated 13th August, 2002. Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) certifies films for public exhibition in India. There is no provision to ban a film under the Cinematograph Act, 1952, but a film can be refused a certificate.

Doordarshan telecasts only such films which are certified 'U' by the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) and prior to their telecast they are previewed by a Committee to ensure their suitability for family viewing.

The Cable Television Network Regulation Act, 1995 and rules framed thereunder prohibit carriage of any programme in the Cable Service, which contravenes the provisions of the Cinematograph Act, 1952 or is not suitable for unrestricted public exhibition, as defined in the Cinematograph Act, 1952. The legal position on the issue of pre-certification of films telecast on Television channels, is being examined by this Ministry in consultation with the Ministry of Law.

Polio vaccination

*12. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved a strategy to make India a polio-free country by the year 2005;

(b) if so, whether a programme for door-to-door vaccination of children has been drawn up;